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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition apparatus in which a score reflecting ~~the an~~ acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:
- extraction means for extracting characteristic values of said speech, the speech comprising a plurality of words;
- selection means for selecting one or more first words from ~~a group~~ the plurality of words to be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the plurality of words based on a second measure different from said first measure;
- score calculation means for calculating said score of said first and second words selected by said selection means; and
- finalizing means for finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based on said score.

2. (Currently Amended) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the words having ~~the a~~ number of phonemes satisfying a pre-set condition, with the number of phonemes as said second measure.

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3. (Currently Amended) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the words having ~~the~~ a part of speech satisfying a pre-set condition, with the part of speech as said second measure.

4. (Currently Amended) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the words having ~~the~~ a linguistic likelihood satisfying a pre-set condition, with the linguistic likelihood as said second measure.

5. (Currently Amended) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:
storage means for memorizing the results of speech recognition;
wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the words included in the results of speech recognition memorized in said storage means, with ~~the~~ a stored state in said storage means as said second measure.

6. (Original) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 5 further comprising:
inputting means for providing an input for correcting the results of speech recognition;
wherein said storage means stores the results of the speech recognition corrected by the input from said inputting means.

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7. (Original) The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means calculates said score using characteristic values of the speech to select said first word based on said score.

8. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition method in which a score reflecting ~~the~~an acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:

an extraction step of extracting characteristic values of said speech, said speech comprising a plurality of words;

a selection step of selecting one or more first words from ~~a group~~the plurality of words to be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the plurality of words based on a second measure different from said first measure;

a score calculation step of calculating said score of said first and second words selected by said selection step; and

a finalizing step of finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based on said score.

9. (Currently Amended) A recording medium having recorded thereon a program for causing a computer to perform speech recognition processing in which a score reflecting ~~the~~an acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:

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an extraction step of extracting characteristic values of said speech, said speech
comprising a plurality of words;

a selection step of selecting one or more first words from ~~a group~~ the plurality of words to
be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said
characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the plurality of words
based on a second measure different from said first measure;

a score calculation step of calculating said score of said first and second words selected
by said selection step; and

a finalizing step of finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based
on said score.